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STATUS OF PROJECTS

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

STATUS OF PROJECTS

1. COMPLETED PROJECTS
(March 3, 1952 - March 10, 1952)

THE KOREAN NEGOTIATIONS
(NSC Action No. 613)

MATERIALS AVAILABILITY
(NSC Action No. 615; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 6, 1951)

THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST IN SUCCESSFUL TRADE AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH VENEZUELA
(NSC Action No. 616; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 29, 1952)

NSC 67/3 POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE COMMUNIST THREAT TO ITALY
(NSC Action No. 617; Progress Report, dated January 25, 1952, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 67/3)

NSC 112 FORMULATION OF A UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE REGULATION, LIMITATION AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS
(NSC Action No. 618; Progress Report, dated January 29, 1952, by the Secretary of State on NSC 112)

NSC 119 THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO SWITZERLAND
(NSC Action No. 619; Progress Report, dated February 2, 1952, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 119)

NSC 84/2 THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE PHILIPPINES
(NSC Action No. 620; Progress Report, dated February 11, 1952, by the Under Secretary of State on NSC 84/2)

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2. PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC

A. NSC MEETING

At the direction of the President, the regular Council meeting scheduled for March 12 has been canceled.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

B. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY MEMORANDUM ACTION

DISSEMINATION OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS
(NSCID No. 1, Revised January 19, 1950; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 18, 1952)

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject, which proposes a change in NSCID No. 1, was submitted by the reference memo for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director of Defense Mobilization. Approved by ODM, February 19; by NSRB, February 21; by Treasury, February 28; by Defense, March 1; by State, March 5. Awaiting action by others concerned.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN AMERICAN WEAPONS
(NSC 126; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 28, 1952)

At the direction of the President, the Council and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, in 1950, took under consideration the general problem of weapons information, including atomic weapons, in order to make appropriate recommendations to the President on the subject. On November 21, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that the matter should be referred to the Psychological Strategy Board for appropriate action.

Memorandum on the subject by the Director, Psychological Strategy Board, was transmitted as NSC 126 for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of Defense Mobilization, the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, and the Federal Civil Defense Administrator of the recommendations contained in paragraph 4-a thereof, as approved by the Psychological Strategy Board, including the AEC and the Federal Civil Defense Administrator. Approved by FCDA, March 4; by Treasury and ODM, March 5; by DMS, March 7. Awaiting action by others concerned.

PLAN FOR CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING GENERAL HOSTILITIES

(NSC 127; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 3, 1952; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "National Psychological Warfare Plan for General War," dated May 8 and July 23, 1951; NSC 59/1; Presidential Directive of April 4, 1951, Establishing the Psychological Strategy Board; NSC 20/4)

A plan on the subject, approved by the Psychological Strategy Board, on February 21, 1952, was submitted by the reference

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PLAN FOR CONDUCTING PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS DURING GENERAL HOSTILITIES (Cont'd)

memo of March 3 as NSC 127 for the consideration of the NSC, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Director of Defense Mobilization. This plan was prepared in the light of changes proposed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff (reference memo of July 23) in the "National Psychological Warfare Plan for General War," submitted by the reference memo of May 8. Approved by DMS, March 7. Awaiting action by others concerned.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE NSC (Cont'd)

C. ITEMS AWAITING SUBSEQUENT NSC CONSIDERATION

PORT SECURITY

(Progress Report, dated March 3, 1952, by the Treasury Department and the Navy Department on the NSC 78 Series)

The reference Progress Report by the Departments of the Treasury and the Navy on the subject has been circulated for the information of the Council, and will be scheduled on the agenda of an early Council meeting.

3. CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS

A. SENIOR NSC STAFF

CONDITIONS FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT WITH THE USSR

/PRIORITY PROJECT/

(Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings
February 23 and May 24, 1951; NSC 79;
NSC 112; NSC Action No. 511; Memo for NSC from Executive
Secretary, subject: "United States and Allied Objectives
in the Event of Global War," dated September 6, 1950)

On February 23, 1951, the Senior NSC Staff agreed that the NSC 79 project on United States and allied war objectives should be completed in two sections and that the section on the above subject, including a plan for reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces, should be completed as a matter of priority. On May 24 the Senior Staff agreed that the completion of this project would provide an important background for obtaining popular support for U. S. national security policies.

Report by the Secretaries of State and Defense in connection with the plan referred to above, adopted by the Council (NSC Action No. 511) and approved by the President as NSC 112. On July 10, the Senior NSC Staff noted that NSC 112 was the first step toward completion of this project and that further work would proceed in the light of Council action on NSC 112. At its meeting on November 20, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the Senior State, Defense and JCS members, together with the Executive Secretary, would meet at an early date to review progress on this project. Awaiting report by the State, Defense and JCS members. (See also related projects below.)

UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR

(NSC 79; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 6, 1950)

JCS memo (NSC 79) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for use in the preparation of a report. The Senior Staff designated an ad hoc group to draft a report to include both a statement of war objectives in the event of global war, and such related questions as a statement of the conditions that the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR and its satellites. At the initial meeting of the ad hoc group under the chairmanship of the State member on October 6, 1950, the form and content of a response to the problems posed by NSC 79 were discussed and agreed upon.

CURRENT NSC STAFF PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES AND ALLIED WAR OBJECTIVES IN THE EVENT OF GLOBAL WAR (Cont'd)

On February 23, 1951, the Senior Staff agreed that this project should be divided as follows: (1) a statement of U. S. and allied war objectives in the event of a global war; and (2) a statement of the conditions the U. S. would be willing to accept for a peaceful settlement with the USSR, including a plan for the reduction and regulation of armaments and armed forces. At its meeting on November 20, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the Senior State, Defense and JCS members, together with the Executive Secretary, would meet at an early date to review progress on this project. Awaiting initial draft by the State Policy Planning Staff of the project listed under (1) above. (See also related projects above and below.)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

(NSC 124 and Annex to NSC 124; NSC Action No. 614; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated March 4, 1952; SE-22; NSC Action No. 597; NSC 48/5; NSC 64)

The Council on December 19, discussed the situation in Indochina in the light of recurring rumors of impending Chinese Communist intervention, and at the suggestion of the Secretary of State, directed the Senior NSC Staff to expedite the report on U.S. policy toward Southeast Asia, with particular reference to possible courses of action regarding Indochina (NSC Action No. 597-b). Draft report on the subject, prepared by the NSC Staff in accordance with NSC Action No. 597-b, was submitted as NSC 124 and Annex to NSC 124 for consideration by the NSC.

The Council at its meeting on March 5, 1952 (NSC Action No. 614): (a) directed the NSC Staff to prepare an agreed set of assumptions, along the lines suggested by the Secretary of State as a basis for further studies by the Department of State and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, respectively, of diplomatic and military courses of action to counter identifiable Communist aggression in Southeast Asia; (b) referred NSC 124 to the NSC Staff for reconsideration in the light of the above studies; and (c) directed the NSC Staff to prepare for Council consideration a report on U.S. courses of action in Southeast Asia to counter continued deterioration of the existing situation in the absence of identifiable Communist aggression.

Assumptions proposed by the Secretary of State on the subject circulated to the Senior Staff on March 5. The Senior Staff

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION WITH RESPECT TO
COMMUNIST AGGRESSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (Cont'd)

at its meeting on March 6, discussed the procedure for further work on the project by the NSC Staff, and agreed that: (a) the Steering Committee should prepare draft assumptions on the subject for Senior Staff consideration with a view to preparation of the set of agreed assumptions called for by NSC Action No. 614-a; and (b) the Steering Committee, pursuant to NSC Action No. 614-c, should prepare for Senior Staff consideration a draft report on U.S. courses of action in Southeast Asia to counter continued deterioration of the existing situation in the absence of identifiable communist aggression. Awaiting report by the Steering Committee.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY
(NSC 68 Series; NSC 114 Series; NSC Action No. 575; Memo for Senior NSC Staff, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated November 6, 1951)

The Council on October 17 (NSC Action No. 575-c), directed the Senior NSC Staff to submit for Council consideration at the earliest practicable date a reappraisal of the policies and programs set forth in the NSC 68 and 114 Series, including a revision of Part I of NSC 114/2 and in the light of: (1) Further analysis of Soviet atomic capabilities as indicated by the recent explosion of another atomic bomb in the USSR; and (2) the current evaluation of the net capability of the USSR to injure the continental United States (see Section 4). At its meeting on October 24, the Senior NSC Staff noted the statement by the Executive Secretary that the Senior State member had agreed to prepare a draft of the political and foreign policy considerations to be included in the reappraisal of the NSC 68 and 114 Series; and that the Senior Defense, JCS and CIA members would prepare a revision of the portions of Part I of NSC 114/2 relating to military capabilities, in the light of the two factors mentioned above.

At the request of the Director, Psychological Strategy Board, paragraphs on "Psychological Strategy in the Ensuing Years," prepared by the Staff of the PSB, were circulated by the reference memo of November 6 for the information of the Senior Staff, and were referred to the Senior State member for consideration in connection with his preparation of the draft of the political and foreign policy considerations to be included in the reappraisal of the NSC 68 and 114 Series.

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (Cont'd)

The Steering Committee on this project, at a meeting on February 19, agreed that as an initial step, outlines on the following topics should be prepared as indicated, for consideration by the Steering Committee at an early meeting: (1) Assets and Liabilities of the Soviet Empire versus the Free World (the Senior CIA Member); (2) Bases of Soviet and Communist Actions (the Senior State Member); and (3) Analysis of the Situation in Major Areas of the World (the Senior State Member). The Steering Committee also agreed that the reappraisal of policies called for by NSC Action No. 575-c should be ready for Council consideration not later than April 2, 1952. Awaiting draft outlines from the Senior State and CIA Members as indicated above and preparation of a report by the Steering Committee. (See also related projects above and below.)

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND COURSES OF ACTION IN KOREA
(NSC 118/2; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated December 18, 1951; NIE-55; SE-20; NSC Action No. 595)

The Council in adopting NSC 118/1 as amended (subsequently issued as NSC 118/2), referred the alternative versions of subparagraph 2-b-(6) to the Senior NSC Staff for review in the light of an analysis of the traffic in and out of Communist China and of the probable effectiveness of an embargo or blockade (NSC Action No. 595-a-(4)). Awaiting preparation of a draft report by the Steering Committee.

SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(Progress Report, dated July 24, 1951 by the Department of State on NSC 29; NSC Action Nos. 531 and 610)

By NSC Action No. 531 the Council referred the reference Progress Report to the Senior NSC Staff for recommendations regarding the desirability of a revision of the list of operations contained therein and the frequency of future progress reports by the Department of State. On September 27, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the State Department, with the assistance of a sub-committee composed of representatives from Defense, NSRB, ODM, and CIA, would assume responsibility for the preparation of a draft report pursuant to NSC Action No. 531. Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense

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SECURITY OF STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS IN
FOREIGN COUNTRIES (Cont'd)

dated October 2, 1951, which advised that recommendations by the Munitions Board for revision of the list of strategically important industrial operations would be submitted by December 15, 1951, has been transmitted to the Senior State member of the NSC Staff for his information and use in connection with this project. Awaiting report by State.

PROVISION FOR STATE FORCES

(NSC 96/1 and NSC 96; NSC Action No. 409; Memo for Members of Staff group from Executive Secretary, subject: "Provision for State Guard Forces," dated May 7, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated September 19, 1951)

At the request of the Secretary of Defense, NSC 96 on the subject was submitted for Council consideration. At its 77th meeting, by the reference action, the Council agreed to request the Chairman, NSRB, to develop, in consultation with other interested agencies, a plan for the provision of essential Federal guidance and assistance to the States in organizing reserves to perform State and local security functions when the National Guard is ordered into active military service, this plan to include any necessary Federal legislation.

Report by the Chairman, NSRB, circulated for Council information as NSC 96/1 and referred to the NSC Staff for use in the preparation of a report for Council consideration. On April 12 the Senior Staff discussed NSC 96/1 and referred it to the Defense, JCS and NSRB Staff members together with officials from the Department of Justice, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Federal Civil Defense Administration, for use in the preparation of a report for Senior Staff consideration.

Draft outline, prepared by the Executive Secretary, transmitted to the above staff group by the reference memo of May 7, and discussed at a meeting on May 14. With some modifications, the outline was adopted as a working guide and the proposed assignments were accepted. A new draft report, prepared on the basis of material submitted by Defense, Justice and Civil Defense, in accordance with the agreed outline, was transmitted to the Senior Staff by the reference memo of September 19. Awaiting consideration of the draft report by the Senior Staff.

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RELATIVE COST OF ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF CERTAIN MIDDLE EAST OIL FACILITIES OR OF OFFSETTING THEIR LOSS

(Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff on November 27, 1951; NSC 97/2; Memos for the Steering Committee on the NSC 97 Series, from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 18 and March 4, 1952)

The Senior NSC Staff at its meeting on November 27, agreed that, in connection with but not necessarily as a part of the Mediterranean and Middle East project (see below), the Department of Defense should prepare a study of the cost of the military effort in terms of feasibility, time and material, and the forces required to ensure the continued availability of oil from the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area, and the Office of Defense Mobilization should prepare a study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from that area. JCS views on the feasibility of holding the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area were transmitted by the reference memo of February 18 for the use of the Steering Committee on NSC 97 in connection with this project. At the request of the Senior ODM member, a letter to him from the Deputy Administrator, Petroleum Administration for Defense, was transmitted to the Steering Committee on NSC 97 by the reference memo of March 4 as the ODM study of the economic cost in terms of feasibility, time and material required to offset the loss of oil from the Bahrein-Qatar-Saudi Arabia area. Awaiting preparation of a report by the Steering Committee. (See also NSC 97 project in Section 4 below.)

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UNITED STATES POSITION WITH RESPECT TO JAPAN
(NSC 125; NSC 48/5; NSC 60/1)

At the direction of the President, a memorandum from the President to the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense on "Interim Policy with Respect to Japan," and its attachments, consisting of a memorandum to the President from the Acting Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense on the same subject, an "Interim Policy with Respect to Japan," and an "Interim Directive to the Commander-in-Chief, Far East, Concerning the Joint Committee Provided in the Administrative Agreement With Japan," were transmitted as NSC 125 for the information of the NSC. Pursuant to the President's request, NSC 125 was referred to the Senior NSC Staff for its information and use in the preparation of a report on Japan for Council Consideration. Awaiting State-Defense draft.

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B. NSC STAFF ASSISTANTS

UNITED STATES POLICY WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN AND EASTERN GERMANY
(NSC 89; NSC 73/4, par. 42; Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Additional airlift to support the Far East," dated September 27 and November 20, 1950; NSC Action No. 368; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 31, 1950; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "Courses of Action in the event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin", dated February 16, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "United States Policy With Regard to a Possible New Berlin Blockade," dated March 27, 1951; NIE-4)

At its 69th Meeting the Council noted the reference memo of September 27, 1950 and the fact that the situation presented therein would be taken into consideration in the studies on the Berlin blockade referred to in par. 42 of NSC 73/4. Memoranda on the subject by the Deputy Under Secretary of State and the Secretary of Defense were circulated for Council information as NSC 89, and referred to the NSC Staff for use in connection with this Staff project. JCS study on airlift capabilities circulated to Senior Staff by the reference memo of October 31, 1950. Subsequent memo by the Deputy Secretary of Defense (reference memo of November 20, 1950) circulated for Council information and referred to the Staff for consideration in connection with this project. Views of the JCS on "Courses of Action in the Event East Germany Imposes a Blockade in Berlin" circulated by the reference memo of February 16, 1951 to the Senior Staff for consideration in connection with this project upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense. NIE-4, issued by CIA, relates to the above subject.

On February 23, 1951 the Senior Staff noted that the JCS views would be taken into account in the early completion of a draft report on "U. S. Policy With Respect to Berlin and Eastern Germany," now under preparation in the Department of State in collaboration with the Department of Defense. Report by State circulated by reference memo dated March 27, considered by the Senior Staff on April 3 and referred to the Staff Assistants for revision in the light of the discussion. At its meeting on November 20, in connection with a review of the NSC Status of Projects, the Senior Staff agreed that the Staff Assistants should endeavor to complete this project as soon as possible. Awaiting initial draft by ad hoc group of Staff Assistants.

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EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE CIVILIAN MANPOWER OF NON-SOVIET NATIONS FOR WORK OF VALUE TO THE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM

(Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "Proposed NSC Study of Use of Foreign Manpower for Production," dated March 29 and April 16, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 17, 1951)

Memos by the Acting Senior NSRB Member and by the Senior ODM Member transmitted by the reference memos of March 29 and April 16, respectively, were considered by the Senior Staff on April 17. It was agreed that ODM should undertake the preparation of a report on the subject for consideration by the NSC Staff along the lines proposed by ODM in the report attached to the reference memo of April 19. The Staff further agreed to the inclusion of NSRB and Mr. Harriman's Office among the agencies to be consulted by ODM.

Draft statement of policy prepared by an inter-agency group under the chairmanship of ODM and including representatives of the Departments of State, Defense and Labor, ECA, NSRB and Mr. Harriman's Office was transmitted to the Senior Staff for consideration by the reference memo of October 17 together with a memo from the Senior ODM Member and the comments of the inter-agency group in explanation of the proposed statement of policy.

The Senior Staff at its meeting on October 30 considered the draft report and referred it to the NSC Staff Assistants, with the advice and assistance of representatives of the other departments and agencies concerned, for the preparation of a revised report in the light of the discussion. The draft report was discussed by the Staff Assistants, augmented by representatives of the Departments of Justice and Labor and of ECA, at meetings on November 1 and 2 and referred to a drafting group for revision in the light of the discussion. Memorandum from the ECA representative together with its attached redraft of paragraph 5 of the draft report, and an ECA airgram on the ECA Production Assistance Program were circulated on November 16 for the information of the Staff Assistants and were considered in the preparation of a revised draft report by the drafting group. Draft statement of policy on the subject, prepared by the drafting group, was circulated to the Staff Assistants on November 29. Proposed redraft of the draft statement of policy of November 29, prepared by the Department of Labor, NSRB and ECA, was circulated to the Staff Assistants on December 18. A correction to this redraft was circulated on December 26.

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EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE CIVILIAN MANPOWER OF NON-SOVIET NATIONS FOR WORK OF VALUE TO THE MOBILIZATION PROGRAM (Cont'd)

The Senior Staff at its meeting on February 28, discussed the status of this project and agreed that the Staff Assistants, in the light of the ODM proposed terms of reference, the discussion at the meeting and a revised NSRB draft (to be circulated), should prepare a brief draft report on the subject as a basis for further Senior Staff discussion. NSRB redraft of the statement of policy circulated to the Staff Assistants on March 6. Awaiting consideration by the Staff Assistants.

UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE AREA OF THE ARAB STATES, IRAN AND ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COLD WAR

/PRIORITY PROJECT/

(NSC 47/2 and NSC 47/5; NSC 65/3; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject, "The Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East," dated December 12, 1950; NIE-14 and 26; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "World-Wide Demand and Supply of Petroleum in Event of a Major War," dated August 3, 1951; Records of Senior NSC Staff Meetings, December 29, 1950 and July 10 and August 16, 1951; Memo for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "The Position of the United States with Respect to the General Area of the Eastern Mediterranean, Red Sea and Persian Gulf," dated October 5, 1951; NSC 117; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject: "Security of Certain Middle East Areas," dated December 11, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated February 27 and March 4, 1952; NSC 97/2)

Memo by the Senior State Member on the subject transmitted by the reference memo of December 12, 1950 and considered by the Senior Staff on December 29, 1950, when it was agreed that an initial draft report should be prepared by State and that CIA should furnish an intelligence estimate of local attitudes and conditions which affect protection of our interests and the realization of our objectives. On February 23, 1950 the Senior NSC Staff agreed that this project should be completed as a matter of priority. CIA estimate circulated as NIE-26.

On July 10 the Senior Staff agreed that this report should proceed without awaiting completion of the related project on a national petroleum program (NSC 97, see Section 4 below), but that the report should not be submitted for NSC consideration until the information being developed in connection with the petroleum report could be taken into account. On

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UNITED STATES OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO THE
AREA OF THE ARAB STATES, IRAN AND ISRAEL DURING THE PERIOD
OF THE COLD WAR (Cont'd)

August 16 the Senior Staff discussed the report prepared by the Petroleum Administrator for Defense and transmitted by the reference memo of August 3, and agreed that this report should be studied further by the Senior Staff before finally completing a report on the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East. Draft statement of policy and NSC Staff study, which takes account of the preliminary material on the world oil situation assembled in connection with the NSC 97 project, was prepared by the Department of State and transmitted by the reference memo of October 5 for the consideration of the Senior Staff. State Department amendments to the draft statement of policy were made available to the Senior Staff on October 24.

Memo from the Joint Chiefs of Staff on "The Anglo-Iranian Problem" was submitted to the Council at the request of the Secretary of Defense as NSC 117. At its meeting on October 24, the Senior Staff discussed the draft report prepared by State together with NSC 117 and agreed that the draft report should be referred to the Senior State, Defense, JCS and CIA members for the preparation of a revised draft in the light of the discussion. At its meeting on October 25 the Senior Staff, in connection with a discussion of the project on a national petroleum program, agreed that the revised draft report should take account of the importance of Middle Eastern oil to the free world both in war time and in peace time. Comments and suggestions by the Senior ODM member and a memorandum by the Senior Representative, PSB, both relating to the draft report, were transmitted to Senior State, Defense, JCS and CIA members for use in the preparation of a revised draft report. At its meeting on November 20 the Senior Staff agreed that NSC 117 should be listed in the Status of Projects as a reference in connection with the project on the Eastern Mediterranean and Middle East, rather than as a separate item.

At its meeting on March 6 the Senior Staff considered the draft report on the subject, transmitted by the reference memos of February 27 and March 4, and referred it to the Staff Assistants for revision in the light of the discussion, with particular reference to the following: (a) the draft report should include the Arab States, Israel, and the Middle East Command but not Iran, which will be covered by the forthcoming revision of NSC 107/2; and (b) the draft report should be designed to supersede NSC 47/2, 47/5 and 65/3 and should incorporate such of the policies from these reports as remain valid. Awaiting consideration by the Staff Assistants. (See also related project in Section 3-A above.)

4. OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE SECURITY PROGRAM

(NSC 113; Progress Report, dated December 20, 1951, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and 17/6)

A letter by the President on the subject was transmitted as NSC 113 for the information of the Council, and referred to the ICIS for preparation of a response for Council consideration, as directed by the President in the fourth paragraph thereof. As further directed by the President, the Chairman, Civil Service Commission, has been requested to participate with the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director of Defense Mobilization in this project. Awaiting report by the ICIS.

ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 14, and November 19, 1951; NSC Action No. 507; Progress Report, dated December 20, 1951, by the NSC Representative on Internal Security on NSC 17/4 and 17/6)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS), and attached draft Presidential directive together with a report and proposed regulations on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 14 for consideration by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. Approved by ODM, June 19; by Justice, June 21; by State, June 28; by Treasury, June 29; by NSRB, July 2; by AEC, July 9.

The Acting Secretary of Defense on July 2 recommended that the Council defer action on this memorandum until the Standing Group of the NATO has had an opportunity to examine the proposed regulations. On July 11 the NSC agreed that further consideration should be deferred, pending the outcome of the NATO negotiations, as recommended by the Acting Secretary of Defense (NSC Action No. 507).

Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and its attached report on the present status of negotiations within NATO were circulated by the reference memo of November 19 for the information of the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General, the Director of Defense Mobilization and the Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission. In accordance with

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ELIGIBILITY OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES TO RECEIVE CLASSIFIED INFORMATION (Cont'd)

the proposal by the Department of Defense in the first sentence of the memorandum, the draft Presidential directive and related papers on the subject, transmitted by the reference memo of June 14, were referred back to the ICIS for reconsideration in the light of this memorandum from the Department of Defense. Awaiting report by the ICIS.

A PROJECT TO PROVIDE A MORE ADEQUATE BASIS FOR PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(Memos for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated June 5, July 17 and 30 and August 7, 1951; NSC Action No. 519; NSC Action No. 543)

Memorandum by the Chairman, Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security, and its attached report by the ICIS on the subject, were transmitted by the reference memo of June 5 for Council consideration of the "Recommendations" contained in Part VII thereof and of the proposed National Security Council Directive. Prior to Council action, at the direction of the President, the views of the Director of Central Intelligence were requested and transmitted by the reference memo of July 17 for consideration by the Council concurrently with the ICIS report. JCS views submitted by the reference memo of July 30.

At its meeting on August 1 the Council agreed to the four steps proposed by the JCS in paragraph 3 of the reference memo of July 30, subject to the assignment of paragraph 3-b to the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference. The Council also agreed that the resulting reports should be integrated into a single report to it under the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence with the assistance of representatives of the appropriate departments and agencies. The Director of Central Intelligence undertook to prepare a directive along these lines for consideration by the Council.

Draft directive on the subject, prepared by the Director of Central Intelligence was approved by the Council, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Attorney General and the Director of Defense Mobilization (NSC Action No. 543). Awaiting report by the Director of Central Intelligence.

OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS (Cont'd)

A NATIONAL PETROLEUM PROGRAM

(NSC 97 and NSC 97/2; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, subject: "World-Wide Demand and Supply of Petroleum in Event of a Major War," dated August 3 and October 8, 1951 and February 27, 1952; Record of Meeting of Senior NSC Staff of August 16, 1951; Memos for Senior NSC Staff from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated August 20 and October 24, 1951; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, subject, "Security of Certain Middle East Areas," dated December 11, 1951; NSC Action No. 592)

At the direction of the President, a letter from the Acting Secretary of Defense on the subject (NSC 97) was referred to the Director of Defense Mobilization to develop a national petroleum program leading to the complete supply of allied requirements for consideration by the NSC. Interim report on the subject (NSC 97/1), prepared by the NSC Staff based largely on studies by ODM and PAD, was amended by the Council and submitted to the President on December 12 (NSC Action No. 592). The President on December 13 approved the Interim Recommendations contained in NSC 97/1, as amended, and directed their implementation by all executive departments and agencies of the U. S. Government under the coordination of the Director of Defense Mobilization. Report as amended subsequently issued as NSC 97/2. At the request of the Senior ODM Member a letter to him from the Acting Deputy Administrator, Petroleum Administration for Defense, which constitutes a "Refining Supplement" to the report circulated by the reference memo of August 3, was transmitted by the reference memo of February 27 for the information of the Senior Staff. Awaiting further reports on a national petroleum program by the Director of Defense Mobilization.

UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

(NSC 114 Series; Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary, same subject, dated October 18, 1951; NSC Action No. 575)

The President, in approving the recommendation of the NSC (NSC Action No. 575-a) with respect to NSC 114/2 on the subject, stated that the authorization contained in NSC 114/2 established neither an upper nor a lower limit for budget estimates, but in accordance with the understanding of the Secretary of Defense as stated at the Council meeting, it constituted a point of departure for the normal budget process.

OTHER CURRENT COUNCIL PROJECTS (Cont'd)

UNITED STATES PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY (Cont'd)

The President on February 28, requested that the departments and agencies responsible for each of the national security programs described in the NSC 114 Series, prepare for his information and for the National Security Council current summary statements of those programs, as approved by the President for presentation to Congress. Awaiting preparation of the statements referred to above by the departments and agencies concerned. (See also related project in Section 3-A.)

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